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The Honorable John Dingell
Attn: Bridgett Taylor
564 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Dingell:

UCP, one of the nation's largest non-profit disability organizations, is pleased to endorse your bill, HR 526, the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001. This bill, substantially the same as the Dingell-Norwood bill in the previous Congress, would provide essential protections for people with disabilities who are enrolled in managed-care plans. Such protections are essential because studies have shown managed-care plans restrict access to specialist providers and treatments for long-term medical conditions.

We look forward to working with your office as this important proposal moves forward in Congress.

Sincerely,

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